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#### **Pilot Awards**

Order of Daedalians AETC Commander's Trophy

1st Lt. Kara M. Winn (Airlift, Tanker, Bomber); 1st Lt. William S. Cheal (Fighter)

**Outstanding Officer** 

Capt. Keith R. Franke (Airlift, Tanker, Bomber)

**Distinguished Graduates** 

1st Lt. Kara M. Winn (Airlift, Tanker, Bomber); 1st Lt. William S. Cheal (Fighter)

Flying Training Award

Capt. Kenneth M. Jambor (Airlift, Tanker, Bomber); 1st Lt. William S. Cheal (Fighter)

**Academic Training Award** 

Capt. Robert C. Peck (Airlift, Tanker, Bomber); 1st Lt. William S. Cheal (Fighter)

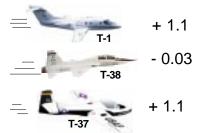
Daedalian Award

Capt. Travis S. Wilds (Fighter)

#### **Mission status**

(As of Oct. 11)

Days ahead(+) or behind(-)



#### Fiscal Year 2001 statistics

- --Sorties flown: 1,619
- --Hours flown: 2419.2
- --Pilot wings earned in FY 01: 0
- --Wings earned since 1963: 11,708

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Reginal Woodruff

Col. Skip Scott, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, signs a proclamation at the base clinic pledging Laughlin's commitment to increase awareness of domestic violence issues. Mayor Dora Alcala (left) signed the proclamation on behalf of Del Rio.

### Laughlin recognizes Domestic Violence Awareness Month

#### By Paul Buckingham

47th Medical Group

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

This month provides an excellent opportunity for the Del Rio and Laughlin communities to demonstrate support in ending domestic violence and to support the numerous victims who are among us.

Moreover, it is a wonderful opportunity for the public to become educated on the seriousness of domestic violence.

Domestic violence, also known as spouse abuse, is a crime and has a profound negative impact on the family. In 1996, approximately 1,800 murders were attributed to intimate partners.

Violence against women is the single most common source of injury to women, more common than auto accidents, mugging and rape by a stranger combined. Violence toward men is usually less injurious and less common than men battering women.

Domestic violence adversely impacts military readiness. It damages victims, perpetrators, children and society at large.

In a national survey of American families, approximately 50 percent of the men

who frequently assaulted their wives also frequently abused their children.

Women who are abused are less able to care for, and are statistically more likely to abuse or neglect their children. An abusive situation means that "home" isn't a safe place to be anymore.

So, what can you do?

- Don't laugh at jokes that involve adults hitting each other. They're not funny any more.
- In your home, establish a cardinal rule "no hitting allowed."
- Cultivate a respectful attitude toward each other in your family and at your worksite.
- Avoid behaviors that demean or are controlling of others.
- If you have a friend or coworker who is afraid of their partner or is being hurt, offer them your support and give them a referral to Family Advocacy [active duty and accompanying family], or Amistad Family Violence and Rape Crisis Center.
- If you see or hear violence in progress, call 911.
- Domestic violence prevention, it is your business!

# In, outs of end-of-year fallout

By Maj. Joseph Baca

47th Comptroller Fligh commander

Did you know that Congress can make money disappear?

Every Air Force base is primarily funded by operations and maintenance funds, which are limited by Congress to be in effect for a one-year period from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30—the fiscal year.

This limitation dictates the "end-ofyear process," whereby base requirements are identified and prioritized to compete with requirements from other bases and major commands prior to being obligated. The goal of this process is to perform the mission by obtaining the best value for the taxpayer's money.

End of fiscal year 2000 was a lucrative time for Laughlin, funding over \$4.03 million in end-of-year requirements.

Laughlin received the "lion's share" of the \$6 million AETC identified to fund its most critical requirements, taking home \$2.76 million, or 46 percent of the command's available funding. In all, 35 of Laughlin's end-of-year requirements were funded, including \$2.4 million for taxiway G, \$324,000 for the Computer Assited Instruction Lab and \$42,000 for new gym equipment.

The end-of-year process starts with resource advisers identifying their unit's requirements. Each organization has a resource adviser to identify organizational requirements to the 47th Comptroller Flight and 47th Contracting Squadron. The Comptroller Flight, specifically financial analysis, manages the base's budget and advocates support for the base's unfunded requirement. Once funding is provided, the Contracting Squadron purchases the requirement.

The Supply Division purchases depotfunded items. All other requirements go to Contracting and are generally categorized as construction, service or commodities. Civil engineers provide design and

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### Team XL works together to improve base community

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By Col. John M. Betts

47th Support Group commander

he 47th Support Group is a team of dedicated people committed to providing the best service and support possible. Working as part of Team XL, we strive to continually make Laughlin more productive and a better place to live.

Thanks to your suggestions and input, we are making many improvements in Laughlin quality of life. The 47th Services Division is purchasing more fishing boats for the Southwinds Marina, and Club XL introduced

Mongolian Bar-B-Que to this generation of XLers.

The 47th Mission Support Squadron streamlined outprocessing for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training graduates and the 47th Security Forces Squadron have reduced congestion at the gates and helped us adapt to the Highway 90 construction.

The 47th Transportation Flight modified the flightline shuttle for enhanced comfort and mission support, and the 47th Communications Squadron has improved the quality of its graduation ceremony and graduation banquet support. Gooooo Comm!

In response to your suggestions, the base commissary is experimenting with different operating hours to provide the most convenience to its customers and the Base Exchange is opening a Burger King franchise.

We appreciate your support and understanding as we complete many construction projects that significantly enhance our community. We have replaced all the windows and many patios in base housing. We are also building new fences and replacing sidewalks throughout the housing areas. We recently renovated the Child Development Center and Youth Center, which provides our outstanding youth care and child development staff with quality facilities for our children. (The people caring for our children continually impress me with their genuine concern and devotional care for our young XLers).

We also heated the swimming pool, added 20 more RV pads at the Southwinds Marina and resurfaced the

> XL Fitness Center gym floor. And, among our many plans for the future, we are in the design phase for a new lodging facility of 96 rooms, scheduled to be complete in 2003.

We also appreciate your support and understanding when we simply can't do everything we would like to do to enhance our community. Laws, AFIs and HQ policy frequently restrict us as we work to enhance our quality of life. And, of course, we have limited resources to satisfy many requirements. We seek changes to policy when pos-

sible and carefully plan to optimize our limited resources, but we need your help to continue to make Laughlin better. There are many ways to communicate your thoughts and ideas to us; please drop me a letter, make a phone call, use the Actionline or send me an e-mail.

We are doing great, but want to do even better. Again, thanks for your support of our dedicated professionals as we work together to XL!

### 'No one comes close' says it all

By Hyla Pearson

Air University Public Affairs

n one way or another I have been associated with the Air Force for 40 years. The first time was attending an air show at March AFB, Calif., in 1961. That experience instilled in me a sense of pride for my U.S. Air Force.

Now, nearly 40 years later, I'm hearing disgruntled words from our sister services and Air Force personnel that the new Air Force slogan and commercials are giving the impression that "we" think we are better than everyone else is. I can only speak for myself in saying that the new slogan, "America's Air Force – "No One Comes Close," says it all.

My Air Force is superior in technology. No other air force in the world can say that. When the chips are down, the Air Force goes first. Air Mobility Command is ready on a moment's notice to transport personnel and equipment anywhere in the world.

I get chills when I see a C-130 take off or land. It's because I know that my Air Force is working every day to protect my family and home.

I asked my 23-year-old daughter what she thought of the new slogan. Her words hit the nail on the head. She told me, "It's right on the money. The Air Force is the best in the world. We have the best technology." I also asked her if it sounds like "we" think we are better than the other services. Her answer didn't surprise me. She told me that she didn't see it that way. The slogan to her talks Air Force. "The U.S. Air Force is number one, and besides, without the Air Force, the other services would not be able to get to their destination as fast as they can."

My belief is that it's time the Air Force stands tall and tells the world we are number one! Enlisted, officer, civilian or family member, we are a team, fighting each and every day to support and defend the United States' Constitution. I take my patriotic hat off to the team that selected the slogan. Be proud! Stand tall! No one comes close!

(Courtesy AETCNS)

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- 47 FTW motto

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### Improved Tricare dental program on the way

he Tricare Management Activity recently announced the release of the Request for Proposal for offers on the world's largest dental insurance program – the Tricare Dental Program. This new "third generation" dental contract will be implemented Feb. 1, 2001 and will combine the Tricare Selected Reserve Dental Program and the Tricare Active Duty Family Member Dental Plan.

The TDP will provide improved dental coverage for active-duty family members, and eligible Reserve Component personnel (Active Reserve/Guard, Selected Reserve, Individual Ready Reserve) and their family members worldwide.

Since implementation of the TFMDP in 1987, just two dental insurance companies have administered it - originally Delta Dental of California, and currently United Concordia Companies Inc. This new "third generation" TDP has evolved into an enhanced program that will employ efficient commercial practices to administer this vital quality of life benefit, aimed at improving overall dental health for members by encouraging enrollment and utilization of the program.

Kenny King

A major improvement reduces the 24-month mandatory enrollment period, which previously barred some active-duty family members, and Reserve Component personnel and their family members from enrolling in the current TFMDP. The TDP requires the sponsor to have 12months of service remaining at the time of enrollment. "The TDP is a great dental program and we wanted to open the doors to allow more military members and their families to enroll in and use the program" said Capt. Lawrence McKinley, TMA's Senior Consultant for Dentistry.

The new plan also permits Reservists and their family members to enroll in the TDP if the Reservist is called to active duty in support of a contingency operation for more than 30 days, but less than 12 months. Since most employer based dental policies require the employee to pay full premium costs while on active duty, the TDP provides the activated Reservist and family members with a low cost, comprehensive dental program while on active duty. The Reservist also has the option of enrolling his/her family members in the TDP and not themselves.

Enrollment in the TDP will also be more user friendly and efficient because the new contractor will administer the enrollment function instead of the personnel departments of the Uniformed Services. The contractor will have "real time" online access to DEERS to validate eligibility. Capt. McKinley said, "We felt enrollment was best achieved through an experienced dental insurance company that performs this function as part of its commercial business practice." Certain Reserve members and family members of incarcerated sponsors who were previously excluded from enrollment because they did not have an active payroll account will now be able to enroll because the contractor will directly bill them for their monthly pre-

Yet another improvement in the TDP (which includes all active-duty family members and all eligible Reserve Component personnel and their family members), is an increase in the maximum benefit coverage: \$1,200 annual maximum for routine care and \$1,500 orthodontic lifetime maximum. There is also a staged cost share structure that

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#### Fire prevention

Raul Castorena, base fire department, helps Jimmie Davis, 3, into a base fire truck Wednesday as part of educating children on the importance of fire safety for Fire Prevention Week.

### Fourteen Laughlin members promoted in month of October

To Tech Sgt.	<b>Organization</b>	Effective date of promotion
Kevin E. Copeland	47 OSS	Oct. 1
Robert D. Van	47 CPTF	Oct. 1
Anthony D. Williams	47 MSS	Oct. 1

To Staff Sgt.	<u>Organization</u>	Effective date of promotion
Maria T. Rizzo	47 CS	Oct. 1
Michelle S. Vega	47 MDSS	Oct. 1
Elizabeth Williams	47 MSS	Oct. 1

To Senior Airman	<b>Organization</b>	Effective date of promotion
Jeremiah D. Dowling	47 CES	Oct. 15
Jacob A. Ramos	47 MDOS	Oct. 22
Angela Ripperda	47 MSS	Oct. 8

To Airman 1st Class	<b>Organization</b>	Effective date of promotion
David L. Chrisman	47 OSS	Oct. 1
Ernest N. Guanlao	47 SPTG	Oct. 23
Wesley C. Vinson	47 OSS	Oct. 2

47 CS

To 1st Lt.	<b>Organization</b>	Effective date of promotion
Douglas C. MacIvor	86 FTS	Oct. 30

#### Actionline

Call 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.



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Col. Winfield W. Scott III 47th Flying Training Wing commander

AAFES	298-3176
Accounting and Finance	298-5204
Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
Commissary	298-5815
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Equal Opportunity	298-5400
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### 19th Air Force welcomes new chief master sergeant

#### By Airman 1st Class **Angela Kennedy**

12th FTW Public Affairs he former command chief master sergeant of the 14th Flying Training Wing at Columbus AFB, Miss., has moved up to the top enlisted position at 19th Air Force.

On Sept. 11, Chief Master Sgt. Tealy Williams succeeded Chief Master Sgt. Charles McLauren, who is now the chief of the Chief's Group at the Air Force Personnel Center.

As the new command chief, Williams advises the commander on matters relating to morale, welfare, quality of life and force structure for the enlisted members.

He is responsible for enlisted people assigned to 10 active-duty flying training wings, two training groups, six Air National Guard FTWs and two Air Force Reserve Groups located throughout the continental United States and

Before assuming his duties at the 14th FTW, Williams was the manager of the neuro-behavioral science flight at Lackland AFB,

In 1996, while stationed at Andrews AFB, Md., he was selected as the first superintendent of the 89th Airlift Wing, inspector

The Illinois native began his military career in 1975 as a fuels management journeyman. In 1987



he was promoted to technical sergeant under the stripes for exceptional performers program and reassigned to the 18th Combat Support Wing Noncommissioned Officers Leadership School as director of operations at Kadena Air Base, Japan. Five years later, he retrained into the mental health career field.

He has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Strayor College. He has also received two Associate's degrees from the Community College of the Air Force.

During his 25 years of service,

Williams has received the Secretary of the Air Force Leadership Award, and has been the top graduate at Senior NCO Academy, NCO Academy and NCO Leadership School. He also wears the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters.

Williams was named Senior NCO of the year for the 89th Airlift Wing at Andrews AFB. He was also honored as the Military Airlift Command Instructor of the Year in 1987 and Pacific Air Force NCO Instructor of the Year in

(Courtesy AETCNS)

### The 'soldier vote' does carry weight

By Col. Kent Clark

Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.

t's that time again when the wheels of democracy are about to complete another revolution. I'm referring to that Ltime allowed by our hard-earned and cherished freedom to go to the polls and vote.

It may surprise you to learn that there was a time when this country's military vote literally saved the republic. The year was 1864 and President Lincoln was up for re-election. The country had just been through nearly four years of wartorn strife. Nearly all of the 600,000 casualties of the war had occurred by then and the four million voting members of the Union were tired. They couldn't foresee an end to the war and had begun to doubt if it could ever be won.

The president's opponent was William McClellan, the same general officer who Lincoln had replaced as commander of the Union Army, not once, but twice, for failure to act decisively. It was generally felt that McClellan would end the war by making peace with the Confederacy, which would mean the establishment of the Confederate States of America.

As August of that year rolled around, it began to look as though McClellan's party would soundly trounce the incumbent party. Lincoln recognized this and later that month, he wrote, "This morning, as for some days past, it seems exceedingly probable that this administration will not be re-elected."

However, soon good news came from Georgia, where Sherman took Atlanta, and then from Alabama where Farragut (Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!) took control of Mobile Bay. Both victories breathed life back into the administration only enough to keep McClellan's election from becoming a landslide.

In October, Lincoln made his move. He ordered a general furlough of as many Union soldiers as possible so they could go back to their home states and vote. The results were astonishing, as reported in Shelby Foote's The Civil War, A Narrative.

Foote wrote that Lincoln received 2,203,831 of four million votes - a little more than 55 percent - while McClellan received 1,797,019. Lincoln received 212 electoral votes and McClellan only 21 from Delaware, New Jersey, and Kentucky.

The election was much closer than these figures indicated,

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### Air Force encourages veterans to resume

should contact the local Air Force recruiter as the Air Force hopes to attract thousands of former airmen, soldiers, sailors and marines to return to active duty in fiscal 2001.

A program that formerly complemented typical non-prior service recruiting now allows the Air Force to immediately fill noncommissioned officer shortages in certain specialties through welcoming back people with previous military experience.

The Air Force recognizes there is a pool of highly skilled veterans who have served proudly and now miss the opportunities of military service," said Col. Duane tary experience. In the past, military prior W. Deal, Air Force Recruiting Service commander. "They may have spent four or more years with one of our sister services and decided to leave for the civilian work force," said Deal. "Now they miss the teamwork, discipline and opportunities of the military and want to serve again. Instead of donning Army green or Marine khakis, they want to build on those skills with a career in the Air Force. This program allows them to do that."

Air Force recruiters now welcome prior-service people with open arms. In previous years, recruiters were given credit for enlisting people with no previous mili-

servicemembers did not count against recruiters' annual goals - although nearly 900 veterans returned during fiscal 2000. The fiscal year 2001 goal of 34,600 new recruits includes prior service members.

The basic criteria for enlisted members to re-enter the active force are:

- Be re-enlistment eligible at time of separation;
- Served no more than 12 years of active
- Separated no more than four years from the time of re-entering active duty;
- Grade of E-4 through E-6. Reserve and Guard members are also eli-

gible to participate with commander approval.

During the early to mid-1980s, the enlisted prior-service program brought as many as 3,000 veterans back on duty each year. Force reductions resulted in the program to be used sparingly over the past decade. However, today members of all services may begin a career in the Air Force without an administrative waiting period.

For more information about joining the U.S. Air Force, contact your local Air Force recruiter, call the Air Force opportunities Center at 1-800-423-USAF, or visit www.airforce.com.

(Courtesy Air Force Recruiting Service

#### Where are they now?

Name: Capt. Eric Das. Class/Date of graduation from Laughlin: Class 97-14, September, 1997. Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed

at: F-15E Strike Eagle, Elmendorf AFB, Ala.

Mission of your aircraft? Air-to-air and air-to-ground. What do you like most about your current aircraft? It is the best dual role fighter in

the world. It allows me the opportunity to do some exciting things like flying in beautiful Alaska, dropping a wide range of live/inert weapons, shooting missiles and visiting some unique places in the world.

What do you dislike most about your current

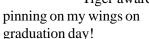
aircraft? There are some technical upgrades that would make it better, but funding and bureaucracy are slowing these advances.

What was the most important thing you learned at Laughlin besides learning

> to fly? I learned how to slalom on water skis.

What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin?

Winning the Top (U.S. Air Force photo of F-15) Tiger award and



What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin? Attitude is everything. There will be good days and bad days. How you learn from and deal with the bad days determines your success.

#### The XLer

Hometown: Valencia, Spain. Family: Wife, Carla; daughter, Stephanie.

Time at Laughlin: 1 year, 2 months.

Time in service: 9 years, 4 months.

Why did you join the Air Force: Job opportunities. Name one way to improve life at Laughlin: A larger fitness center.

Greatest accomplishment: I learned how to listen.

Bad habit: Eating too much chocolate.

*Motto:* You can't change the past, but you can change your attitude toward it.

Favorite beverage: Cold beer.

Favorite food: Seafood. Hobbies: Soccer, reading, history and playing in the wa-

If you could spend one hour with an historical figure, who would it be and why? Nostradamus. I would ask him for the key to decipher his encrypted poems.



Alfredo Riera 47th Civil Engineer Squadron

#### Question of the week

### What can you do to prevent fires in your home and promote safety?



"Use common sense and look around for obvious dangers. Don't give kids matches. Don't use your oven as a heater in the unaccompanied officer's quarters."

**2nd Lt. Ryan Smith** 84th Flying Training Squadron



"Make sure all cords are untangled and the gas is properly turned off."

Airman Mike Moore
Base fire department



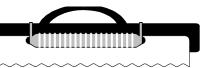
"Have a family escape plan and practice the plan so that family members know where to go. Also, check batteries in smoke detectors."

Christine Engel 47th Medical Group



"Don't leave candles burning unattended in the home."

Cindy McCallan
Family member



### From the Blotter (Oct. 1 - 10)



- An individual reported someone had taken approximately \$40 to \$50 from his money box. The box was left unsecured inside the building.
- The security forces law enforcement desk received a call from an individual reporting someone had damaged his vehicle. The damage consisted of a five-inch scratch on the forward portion of the hood.
- The law enforcement desk received a call from a patrol stating he had found an unsecured facility. A search was conducted of the facility and the custodian secured it.
- An individual reported his motorcycle had been moved from its parking slot and onto the adjacent curb causing scratches to the stand and lower frame. The security forces investigator was notified. If you have any leads, contact the law enforcement desk at 5100.
- Two females were detained while walking on the outside perimeter of the base heading

toward the west gate. The Border Patrol was notified and took custody of the individuals.

■ The law enforcement desk received a call from an individual reporting damage to his vehicle. The damage consisted of scratches in a circular pattern about seven inches in diameter and three inches wide on the front left portion of the hood. The investigator was notified.

Tip of the day: When riding a bike, pushing a stroller, or running on Laughlin streets, you must stay to the far right of the road and move with the traffic flow. Riding or walking side by side obstructs traffic flow and places you in danger of being struck by a vehicle. This is particularly important at the Ribas-Dominicci Circle where vegetation, obstructions and numerous entry/exit points may prevent drivers from seeing you. Thanks for the support in helping keep Laughlin safe!

### Annual flu vaccination program delayed

By Lt. Col. Billy Birdwell

AETC Public Affairs

he annual flu vaccination program for the military will be delayed four to six weeks, according to Air Education and Training Command health officials.

The inoculation program should begin in mid-November due to a slowdown in the production of the vaccine by manufacturers, according to Col. Diana Barnicott, AETC's Public Health Officer. Once AETC bases receive the vaccine, the inoculation program will proceed quickly. Each base will determine the most efficient way to administer the vaccine locally, she said.

The Defense Department currently only has about 8 percent of the 2.8 million doses needed to cover the military community, according to Col. Barnicott. DoD should receive about 2.5 million doses by November. "Once the vaccine becomes available, people should get their flu shot as soon as possible" to have the best protection against the disease, said Maj. (Dr.) Ron Hale, AETC's Health Promotion Director.

Flu season normally runs November through March for the Northern Hemisphere. Both AETC officials point out, however, that getting the flu shot provides protection, even if received after the season begins. It takes one to two weeks after the shot before it th

most healthy adults. People at higher risk - children and people older than 65 with high risk medical conditions - have a higher chance of developing complications from influenza including pneumonia. Approximately 20,000 Americans die each year from complications of the flu, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site.

Military health officials will determine which groups get the vaccine first based on health risks and recommendations from the CDC and mission needs. Older patients and those with special health risks may not want to wait for the military supply to catch up with demand, but

should consider seeking the vaccine through other community medical sources, according to Col. (Dr.) Geoffrey Rake, AETC Director of Medical Services.

ith so many students working closely together, AETC health officials will closely monitor the nationwide spread of the flu this year. "There are preventive measures we are taking this year to reduce the spread in our trainee population," Major Hale said. Trainees will receive the vaccine as it behave high-risk medical conditions. To the extent possible, these groups will be immunized simultaneously, according to a Defense Department statement.

Next in order of priority are military trainees, groups in close contact with high-risk persons, all other military members in priority for deployment, other active duty members and mission critical DOD civilians at facilities outside

For more information

contact the Immuni-

zation Clinic at 298-

6469 or log on to the

Centers for Disease

Control and Preven-

tion Web site at

www.cdc.gov.

about influenza,

the continental United States, and all other beneficiaries. statement said.

In the meantime, people can take simple precautions to reduce the risk of catching or spreading the flu. "Hygiene is the first line of defense," said Major Hale.

People can reduce exposure to the virus by following this list of actions:

- Wash your hands often, especially after being in public and before eating.
- Avoid large crowds when possible, especially during the heavy flu season.
- Get adequate rest.
- Maintain a good, nutritious

■ Prevent spreading the flu by seeking medical care early, sneezing into disposable tissues, getting lots of rest and drinking

"All those things you learned in kindergarten really are important," said Hale, but getting the flu shot, however, is still the best prevention, he added.

Influenza, commonly called "the flu," is an infection of the respiratory tract caused by the influenza virus. Compared with most other viral respiratory infections, such as the common cold, influenza infection often causes a more severe illness.

ypical influenza illness includes fever (usually L 100 F to 103 F in adults and often even higher in children) and respiratory symptoms such as cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, as well as headache, muscle aches, and often extreme fatigue. Although nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea can sometimes accompany influenza infection, especially in children, these symptoms are rarely the primary symptoms. The term "stomach flu" is a misnomer that is sometimes used to describe gastrointestinal illnesses caused by organisms other than influenza viruses.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lists several myths about the flu and the flu vaccine. A few myths include:

Myth: The Flu vaccine causes the flu.

**Truth:** The licensed flu vaccine used in the United States, which is made from inactivated or killed influenza viruses, cannot cause influenza infection and does not cause influenza illness.

Myth: Flu is merely a nuisance. Truth: Flu is a major cause of illness and death in the United States and leads on average to approximately 20,000 deaths and more than 110,000 hospitalizations

Myth: Flu vaccine is not very effective.

each year.

Truth: When the vaccine viruses and circulating viruses are well matched, vaccine can be very effective. However, flu vaccine only provides protection against influenza. People who have received flu vaccine may subsequently develop a respiratory illness that is due to another virus, but is mistaken for flu.

(Courtesy AETCNS)

rovides adequate protection from ne disease.  Influenza typically results in ad headaches, fever, cough, sore	Currently, available supplies are administered first to operational military personnel, health-care workers with direct patient
nroat, body aches and pains and ongestion, Colonel Barnicott oted. This may cause lost work	contact, and Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) enrollees (both active
me in addition to discomfort for	duty and non-active duty) who



Photo by Capt. Angela O'Connel

Members of 47th Contracting Squadron and 47th Comptroller Flight worked around the clock Sept. 29 to obligate end-of-years funds for projects around the base.

#### 'Fallout,' from page 1

technical expertise during contract negotiations for all capital improvement projects.

Finally, once the project is awarded, the Comptroller's Accounting Liaison Office enters the final purchase price into the accounting database and balances the books. If any fallout funds are identified, the process begins

all over again until all funds are depleted.

Resource advisers, Comptroller, Contracting, Supply and Civil Engineer members kept the fast and furious pace throughout the end-of-year closeout process. Strategy sessions occurred in the form of close-out meetings and multiple mini-conferences between financial analysts, resource

advisers, and contract specialists. Phone calls, e-mails and faxes were flying. There seemed to be a virtual financial and informational battle waging on base, at the command and Air Staff.

In the end, burning the midnight oil paid off handsomely in supporting the mission and making Laughlin a better place to live and work. 'Vote,' from page 4

however. According to Foote, "Connecticut, for example was carried by a mere 2,000 votes and New York by fewer than 7,000, both as a result of military ballots, which went overwhelmingly for Lincoln, here as elsewhere. Without these two states, plus four others whose 'soldier voters' swung the balance – Pennsylvania, Illinois, Maryland and Indiana – he would have lost the election."

Think about this. The actual soldiers in the field, those who had marched hundreds of miles throughout the country and fought some of the fiercest battles ever fought by Americans, voted to extend the very conflict in which they were

fighting and bleeding. When you consider what would have happened if Lincoln had lost the election, you gain an appreciation of the significance of what those 'soldier voters' accomplished at the polls on that Tuesday in November 1864.

What about today? Is the 'soldier voter' any less informed on the importance of today's mission? I think not. Today's world is more complicated and the conflicts are not as simple, but the significance of the mission is every bit as important now as it was then. It is just as important today that the 'soldier voter' go to the polls as it was 150 years ago. See you there!

(Courtesy ACCNS)

'Dental,' from page 3

reduces cost shares for enlisted personnel (E1s to E4s). Since some lower ranking enlisted families do not seek dental care due to costs, the reduction in cost shares for some dental procedures will help defray those costs and encourage dental health.

The TDP offers sponsors the opportunity to enroll children at age one. Although the current plan allows parents to enroll children under age 4, the new TDP strongly encourages diagnostic and preventive dental care for children prior to the mandatory enrollment age of 4 years old. The TDP tasks the contractor to implement a program that encourages network providers to employ recognized diagnostic and preventive guidelines for pediatric and adolescent dental care. "Good dental health is an important facet of overall good health. As with medical preventive care, dental preventive care should start at a very early age," said Capt. McKinley. "One of TMA's primary goals for the

TDP is to urge beneficiaries to seek early preventive dental care in order to avoid more serious and more costly dental diseases." Although the TDP contains many of the aspects of the current TFMDP, its approach is innovative because it incorporates the principal themes of increasing enrollment and encouraging early preventive dental care for the good of the beneficiaries' overall health. Capt. McKinley said, "The TMA has worked very hard to design a dental program that promotes enrollment and use of this important dental benefit. All the improvements and enhancements in the program were developed with improving the dental health of the beneficiary in mind – the desired outcome being that people will take their dental health more seriously and enroll in and use the TDP."

The winning contractor will be announced in late spring 2000, and will begin the transition phase for implementing the new TDP program for a February 1, 2001, startup.





A member of the Golden Knights, the Army's premiere parachute demonstration team, (above), surveys the drop zone prior to a sky-dive jump over Laughlin's flightline during Air Amistad 2000 Sunday. First, the member above parachuted to the ground carrying an American flag - his feet touching the ground as the last note of the song was played. Next, the remaining members parachuted from the plane demonstrating their parachuting skills complete with smoke. The Golden Knights had another jump scheduled for later that morning that was canceled due to the inclement weather.

(To the right) Master Sgt. Timothy Griffin, 47th Communications Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Monica Harris, 47 CS, take the oath of enlistment in a reenlistment ceremony officiated by the Thunderbirds, the Air Force's premiere aerial demonstration team.



### Thousands brave cold, rain at Air Amistad 2000



Andrea Vigil, 3, (above), pilots a stationary model plane during her trip to Air Amistad 2000. "She's been at it all day," said her father. "She seems to love this plane here."

Casey Willis (right) shows his wife Terra Willis where to look to see an F-18 flyby during the airshow. The F-18 is a Navy fighter aircraft.



A crowd of airshow attendants climb a ladder to the entryway of one of the airshow's static displays. Several static displays were set up at the event including the KC-135 Stratotanker, F-16 Fighting Falcon, A-10 Thunderbolt, C-130 Hercules, KC-10 Extender, F-15E Strike Eagle, T-1A Jayhawk, T-38 Talon, T-37 Tweet, T-6A Texan II amd E-3 AWACS.



# Members should consider safety while online shopping

#### By Senior Airman Tara Cole

afew keystrokes and a click of the mouse, you can shop at home from your computer. Personal computers have become standard appliances in many homes because of their usefulness and time saving features.

Shopping on the Internet is no less safe than shopping in a store or by mail. Keep the following tips in mind to help ensure that your online shopping experience is a safe one.

- Think about security, starting with your connection. Unsecured information sent over the Internet can be intercepted. That's why you should consider a secure browser, which will encrypt or scramble purchase information. The credit and charge card industries are presently working on enhancing the level of security measures for online shopping. If you don't have encryption software, consider calling the company's (800) number or faxing your order.
- Shop with companies you know. If you'd like to try a new merchant, ask for a paper catalog or brochure to get a

better idea of their merchandise and services. Also, determine the company's refund and return policies before you place your order. Ask for the company's location, address and phone number. Before making a purchase, call the number to verify the information you were supplied. Check with the Better

Business Bureau in the area the company is located for its reliability report.

■ NEVER give your Internet password to anyone. Consider using a combination of numbers, letters and symbols, or use a phrase to remember it. For example: UR2G\$48\* – "You

are to give money for eight stars."
■ Pay by credit or charge card.

If you decide to pay by credit or charge card, your transaction is protected by the Fair Credit Billing Act. If you find an error on your credit or charge card statement, you may dispute that charge and withhold payment for that amount. To dispute a charge, write to the creditor at the address on the billing statement for "billing inquiries," and describe the billing error. Your letter must reach the creditor within 60 days after the first bill

was mailed to you. The creditor must acknowledge receipt of your letter within 30 days of receiving it, unless the dispute has already been settled. The creditor must resolve the dispute within two complete billing cycles – not more than 90 daysafter receiving your letter.

■ Paying your bills online.

Some companies let you pay bills and check your account status online. Before you sign up for any service, evaluate how the company secures your financial and personal information. Many companies explain their security procedures. Call or e-mail the company

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and Thursday, 8 to 9

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Remember, the Internet provides a valuable information service to consumers. It is an exciting tool that puts vast information at your fingertips. With a click of a mouse, it lets you buy an airline ticket, book a hotel, send flowers to a friend, or purchase your favorite stock. Good deals, convenience and choice abound on the Internet. But before you use all the Internet has to offer, be "cyber" smart to make the most of your online experience.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Petti

#### Lending a helping hand

Commanche, a bird rescued by members of the Office of Special Investigations, rests in the warm hand of one of its saviors. The small bird fell from a nest above the entry door to the OSI building. Once found, OSI members made a surrogate nest for the bird from a cardboard box laced with shredded paper and heated by a flashlight.

### Vance pilots help Ohio tornado victims

#### **By Kent Cummins**

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Our Vance pilots recently
found themselves in the
midst of a natural disaster.

The 8th Flying Training Squadron's Capt. Doug Antcliff, 1st Lts. Nick Nobriga, Garrin Powers and Steven Sylvester helped rescue seven people in Xenia, Ohio, after an F-4 tornado slammed into the community Sept. 20.

Xenia (pronounced Zeenyuh) is located about 20 miles southeast of Dayton. The unexpected twister hit the city of nearly 25,000 around 7:30 p.m. killing one person and injuring more than 100.

Antcliff and Nobriga were returning from an air show in Ottawa, Canada, while Powers and Sylvester were on temporary duty at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The pilots planned to meet up at the base and fly their T-37s back to Vance, but the weather didn't cooperate. The group had to stay overnight and planned to depart the following day.

As the four headed down Highway 35 that evening in a van on their way to a Xenia motel, something out of the passenger window caught Nobriga's eye.

What he saw was a quarterof-a-mile wide, slow-spinning, F-4 tornado bearing down on them. Antcliff saw it too.

"It was moving very slowly. It wasn't wrapped up very quick," said Antcliff. "It was very large, and it was not a funnel cloud. It was pretty much straight down on either side. It reminded me of the video tape of the Oklahoma City tornadoes that we saw on TV over and over."

The driver, Sylvester, pulled the van off the road just as the tornado ripped the roof off a nearby bank. As they thought about jumping out of the van and diving into a ditch, the funnel snatched a telephone pole out of the ground, exploded electrical transformers, churned across the highway in front of them, and faded into the night.

Once the tornado had passed, the four men pulled into a gas station near a neighborhood and started looking for people who needed help.

"First thing I saw were two children on the right side of the road," Antcliff said. There was a girl, 14, in bare feet, in night-clothes and her brother was younger, 8 or 10, and he was in nightclothes too. Their house was three-quarters gone. They were obviously upset. They were dirty – cuts and bruises. I took those kids to the Air Force van we had parked across the street to get them away from the scene."

"We kept hearing,
'Somebody's buried in that
house! Somebody's buried in
that house,'" said Nobriga. "So
we ran over with a couple of the
neighborhood guys and there
was a house completely demolished – it was flattened. Apparently there was a lady in there.
We didn't know where she was
so we just ran over to the
wreckage and started throwing
pieces of wood and wall to get
the house off of her. We were
eventually able to dig her out."

She survived.

Powers and Sylvester carried the injured lady over to a neighbor's van so they could take her to a hospital. Emergency vehicles had not yet arrived on scene. "None of the emergency vehicles could get into that area because there was so much debris," Nobriga said.

The Vance pilots moved from house to house trying to help people.

Antcliff heard someone yell, "She's still in the house, and she's all bloody."

She was sitting in her recliner, slumped down, facing the front door, said Antcliff.

"The window was out; the roof was hanging over her; the right wall in the kitchen was gone. The roof was barely supported. You could smell gas, and there were hot electrical wires around," he explained.

All four men entered the house.

The woman had a two-inch cut across her forehead, and her left leg was damaged, said Antcliff. "We didn't know the extent of her injuries. She was very bloody. The back wall was sprayed with mud, blood and debris," he said.

The foursome teamed up, treated her for shock and cleaned her wounds. They removed the front door from the house to use as a stretcher and secured her on it with blankets and some soft rope. They helped carry her to a mini-mart down the road where a triage had been set up to treat the injured.

She survived.
Before the night was over,

Antcliff, Nobriga, Powers and Sylvester helped many people survive the Xenia tornado, and their efforts did not go unnoticed

"We, the city of Xenia, are in awe of the great response we received from thousands of great Americans, especially the National Guard and the United States Air Force including these wonderful officers and many members of Wright Patterson AFB," said Xenia's Mayor John Saraga. "Please pass on my sincere gratitude for the sacrifices that our military gives freely to this great nation each and every day. On behalf of the city of Xenia, words cannot adequately express our appreciation."

(Courtesy AETCNS)



End of year flies by

Capt. "Chaos" Hetke, 87th Flying Training Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. "River" Vasquez, conclude the Fiscal Year 2000 flying hour program as they land during an incentive flight Sept. 29. Vasquez's incentive sortie marked the closeout of 17,404 sorties and 21,374.1 hours flown by the 87th this fiscal year.



### **Tricare Prime Notice:**

### Don't ignore it!

ricare Prime re-enrollment notices are sent once per year, 30 days before your anniver sary date. Previously, two re-enrollment notices were sent, but that policy changed last year.

Re-enrollment is automatic for eligible members and their families. But, if you pay a Tricare Prime enrollment fee, your continued enrollment is dependent upon you sending in your re-enrollment notice and enrollment fee on time.

Otherwise, you will be disenrolled from Tricare Prime effective the date payment was due. Your coverage will then revert to Tricare Standard, if eligible.

For all Tricare Prime enrollees who do not want to re-enroll, simply indicate this on your re-enrollment notice and return it to Foundation Health Federal Services. You may apply to re-enroll in Tricare Prime at any time. Applications received by the 20th of the month are effective the 1st of the following month

Paying your enrollment fees quarterly? Again,

you will receive only one billing statement per quarter. Delinquent notices will not be mailed. Keep in mind that if you pay by credit card you must return your quarterly billing statement with your signature of authorization each quarter.

If your quarterly enrollment fees are not paid on time, you can be disenrolled from TricarePrime and you will be ineligible to re-enroll for a period of one year.

Don't miss out on getting your re-enrollment notice or billing statements on time! Be sure to notify the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System, Foundation Health Federal Services and your doctor of any address or phone number changes.

DEERS can be reached at (800) 538-9552. To report an address change to FHFS, you need to fill out a Prime Change Request Form, which you can obtain on the Internet at www.fhfs.com, by calling (800) 406-2832 (option 6), or by visiting your local Tricare Service Center.

For more information on Tricare Prime enrollment, call (800) 406-2832 (option 6) or contact your local TSC (option 3).

### Don't throw those coupons away! Commissary prints coupons on receipts

#### By Bonnie Powell

Defense Commissary Agency

Take a look at those commissary receipts before you toss them out. You could be throwing away as much as \$175 in valuable coupons.

The Defense Commissary Agency will deliver even more savings to customers by offering manufacturer's coupons on the back of the commissary register tape. Made possible though an agreement with Pinpoint Consumer Targeting Services, coupons can range from a few "cents off" on popular products, to as much as \$175 for computer software that customers can purchase online. The program began in commissaries in mid-September.

"Not only is it a good way for customers to get coupons for their next trip to the commissary, but we also help DeCA save money by providing the register tape," said Vic Erickson, marketing director for Pinpoint.

According to Erickson, as many as one billion coupons could be in the hands of commissary shoppers once the program reaches full potential. The more coupons available, the more benefit to military families.

There are even more benefits to the coupon program. A portion of Pinpoint's profits will be turned over to the commissary surcharge fund, which is used to refurbish older stores and build new commissaries.

Couponing on register tape is just one way that commissaries are offering customers the opportunity to increase their grocery savings. Web surfers can find out more about commissary bargains by checking out the "Shopper's Cart" at <a href="https://www.commissaries.com">www.commissaries.com</a>.

Customers in nearly 100 U.S. commissaries are also noticing they have in-store radio to keep them company while shopping. "I've actually seen customers dancing up the aisles and singing along," observed one store director.

In-store radio allows DeCA to communicate information on commissary savings programs such as "Best Value Items," as well as airing manufacturer commercials on the latest food products and "what's on sale."

"We're excited to be able to offer greater customer savings opportunities through coupons and in-store radio," said Edna Hoogewind, DeCA's in-store marketing program manager. "Early next year, you might want to pay attention to the shopping cart baby seats, you just might find some interesting reading there!"



Photo by Amanda Stewar

Mirna M. Cardena, base commissary employee, hands a coupon receipt to Jack Bloom at the base commissary Wednesday.

## Treatment for common colds can help alleviate symptoms

"Cold viruses are spread

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from one person to

ost children get at least six colds a year. Children in daycare can get even more. A "common cold" is a viral infection of the nose and throat. Colds are usually associated

with a runny or stuffy nose, mild fever, and a sore throat. Cough, hoarseness, red eyes, and swollen lymph nodes in the neck may also be present. With a typical cold, the fever lasts three days or less, nasal symptoms seven to 10 days, and cough up to two weeks.

Cold viruses are spread from one person to another by direct skin contact and by coughing and sneezing which release the virus into the air. Washing hands frequently and avoiding close contact with somebody that has a cold are the best ways to prevent getting

Self-care you might like to try before seeing your health care provider include:

- Acetaminophen or ibuprofen will help reduce the fever or aches.
- Saline nose drops followed by bulb suction or gently blowing the nose is helpful for runny nose

and congestion.

- Running a humidifier in the child's room at night also helps.
- Medications (antihistamines and deconges-

tants) may help but rarely relieve all the symptoms of a cold and don't shorten the duration of illness.

Remember: Antibiotics have no effect on viruses and may be harmful. Aspirin is not recommended for use in children or teens. If you are unsure of the correct dose of medication, call the clinic for advice. Children's dosages are based on weight and should not be guessed at.

Call the Pediatric or Family Practice Clinic if your child's symptoms last longer than indicated above, if he or

she has an earache, yellow eye discharge, high fevers (greater than 102.5 F), or develops signs of labored breathing (fast, 'hard' breathing). Children less than 3 months of age with any fever greater than 100.4 rectal should be seen in the clinic.

(Courtesy 47th Medical Group)



	Laughlin's NFL: Gridiron Gurus						Week 7			
PLAYERS	Bruce Bond	Diane Bond	Eric Gonzales	Michael Houston	David Isbell	Lavelle Jenkins	Eric Linneman	Niels Roorda	Amanda Stewart	Chad Workman
LAST WEEK SCORE	10	10	10	7	9	8	10	8	6	8
OVERALL SCORE	30	28	27	27	26	24	26	25	24	24
ATLANTA@ST. LOUIS	STL	STL	STL	STL	STL	STL	STL	STL	STL	BAL
BALTIMORE@WASHINGTON	WAS	BAL	WAS	BAL	BAL	WAS	WAS	BAL	WAS	WAS
CAROLINA@NEW ORLEANS	CAR	CAR	CAR	CAR	CAR	N.O.	N.O.	CAR	CAR	CAR
CINCINNATI@PITTSBURGH	PIT	PIT	PIT	CIN	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	CIN
DALLAS@NEW YORK GIANTS	NYG	NYG	DAL	NYG	DAL	NYG	NYG	DAL	NYG	DAL
OAKLAND@KANSAS CITY	OAK	OAK	K.C.	OAK	K.C.	K.C.	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK
SAN DIEGO@BUFFALO	BUF	BUF	BUF	BUF	BUF	BUF	BUF	BUF	BUF	BUF
CLEVELAND@DENVER	DEN	DEN	DEN	DEN	DEN	DEN	DEN	DEN	DEN	DEN
INDIANAPOLIS@SEATTLE	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	SEA
NEW YORK JETS@NEW ENGLAND	NYJ	NYJ	NYJ	N.E.	N.E.	N.E.	NYJ	N.E.	N.E.	NYJ
PHILADELPHIA@ARIZONA	PHI	PHI	PHI	PHI	ARI	ARI	PHI	PHI	ARI	PHI
SAN FRANCISCO@GREEN BAY	G.B.	S.F.	S.F.	G.B.	S.F.	S.F.	S.F.	S.F.	G.B.	S.F.
MINNESOTA@CHICAGO	MIN	MIN	MIN	CHI	MIN	CHI	MIN	MIN	CHI	MIN
JACKSONVILLE@TENNESSEE	TEN	TEN	TEN	JAX	JAX	TEN	TEN	TEN	TEN	JAX

#### **Bowling Standings**

**Intramural:** 

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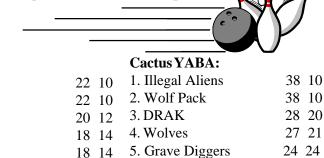
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7. Monster Trucks

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# Air Force topples Navy 27-13

#### By Dave Toller

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U.S. Air Force Academy Athletic Department

U.S. AIR FORCE ACAD-EMY, Colo. — A strong defense and big plays led the Air Force Fighting Falcons to a 27-13 victory over the Navy Midshipmen in college football action Oct. 8.

In front of 50,342 people at Falcon Stadium, Air Force got

back to basics.

Air Force opened the scoring with a classic option drive that covered 66 yards in 14 plays as Nate Beard scored from three yards out for an early 7-0 lead in the first quarter.

Navy answered with a field goal late in the first quarter and then took a 10-7 lead with a long drive of its own. The Middies went 73 yards in 18 plays and held the ball for seven minutes and 41 seconds.

Air Force battled back on the ensuing possession, and Falcons quarterback, Mike Thiessen, scored on a quarterback sneak to give Air Force a 14-10 lead.

Air Force would get a late field goal from kicker Dave Adams to take a 17-10 lead into halftime.

Early in the fourth quarter, with Air Force leading 17-13, Becker accounted for 33 yards on a 38-yard drive that set up a David Adams 40-yard field goal, making the score 20-13.

Midway through the final quarter, the defense came up the final big blow that would sink Navy.

C.J. Zanotti recovered a fumble by Navy quarterback Ed Malinowski, giving the Falcons possession at the Navy 36.

Beard took the handoff eight times for 22 yards on the drive and capped it with a one-yard touchdown run to finish the scoring at 27-13.

With the win, Air Force continued its dominance against Navy, defeating the Midshipmen in 17 of the last 19 games. The win also made the Falcons' senior class 7-0 against Army and Navy. The last hurdle for that class comes Nov. 4 when Air Force travels to the banks of the Hudson River to face Army.

The victory puts the Falcons, 4-1 overall this season, just one win away from achieving the team's No. 1 goal — winning the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy. The Falcons have had a lock on the trophy for the past decade, winning it all but one year since 1989.

The Falcons return to Mountain West Conference play this weekend as the team travels to Wyoming, Saturday. Air Force and Wyoming square off at 3 p.m. EST.

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**Border Eagle** Oct. 13, 2000 Sports

### Base member wins big at Professional Armed Forces Rodeo Association World Finals Rodeo

the Brand Rodeo Team won big at the Professional Armed Forces Rodeo Association World Finals Rodeo, which was held Sept 30 - Oct. 1 in Clovis, N.M.

Staff Sgt. Al Hyatt, Air Force Reservist and employee of LCSAM, and Dave Deselem (USN) from Corpus Christ Naval

member of the Ride for Air Station, paired up to compete Hyatt up to the number one posi-standings. at the Finals in the Team Roping

> Going into the finals, Hyatt sat in the number two position as the Header and Deselem sat at number four in the Heeler position in the PAFRA World Standings.

> After two rounds of roping, the pair won 1st place in the average in the team roping, moving

tion in the PAFRA standings, winning the buckle and saddle for the World Champion Team Roper. Deselem moved into the number two position winning Reserve World Champion Heeler.

Hyatt also competed in the chute doggin' (steer wrestling without the horse) at the Finals. He was tied for fifth place in the

After pinning down both steers in two rounds, Hyatt won 2nd place in the average, moving him into 3rd position in the standings.

Finally, after the dust settled in the arena, Hyatt walked away winning the belt buckle for Champion All-Around Cowboy for the Rodeo also.

For those interested in rodeo, please attend the next rodeo meeting at Cafe Bueno (across from base chapel) Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Al Hyatt at 298-0051 or Dave Darling at 298-0758.

#### Youth tackles odds to play football

#### By Staff Sgt. Bob Oldham

314th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Football season is going strong and like many high school and junior high school youths around the country, one Little Rock Air Force Base teen is playing the sport for the first time.

This 5-foot-8.5-inch, 134-pound defensive lineman is a tough, hard-nosed defender on the field. Off the field, most people might not even know she plays football at Northwood Junior High School.

"In the seventh grade I wanted to play football a little bit, but my mom wouldn't let me," said Beth Coop, who considered becoming a cheerleader, but her best friend, Alissa Laxton, tried to talk her into playing football.

Laxton said to Coop, "You're mean. You need to be on a football team." After talking more about it, Laxton convinced her friend to do it.

Richard Rodgers, the head football coach at Northwood, said she's the first girl he's coached on a boy's team.

"We've had girls hint that they wanted to play before, but when it came time they disappeared," said Rodgers.

Coop, the daughter of Staff Sgt. Sherman Coop of the 314th Maintenance Squadron, was different, said the coach. When football practice started, she was there.

"We told her it would be tough," said the coach, but he added that she's surprised him as well as the other coaches.

"She holds her own," Rodgers said. "She's pretty much like any other ninth grader learning the game for the first time ... she gives 100 percent ev-

On the gridiron, however, Coop said she's faced some challenges.

"I'm not really used to running, so the running was real hard for me," she said. "A lot of the other stuff was kind of easy, but getting hit was kind of hard, too."

Like any other player on a football team, she's had her share of injuries. So far this season, she's sprained an ankle, sprained and bruised a wrist and pulled a thigh muscle. But none of the injuries were serious enough to sideline her for an extended period.

She said her teammates think of her as "one of

the guys."

She said for the most part, students are supportive of her choice to play. "Some are like, 'You go, girl,' and others are like, 'You are crazy," she said.

Northwood played its first game Aug. 31 against Augusta Junior High. As a second-string defensive lineman, Coop relieved a starting lineman for one series to get her first game experience.

She said she wasn't nervous and focused on her blocking assignments.

"All you can really do is run blocks through your head," she said. "You have to listen to the coaches and do everything right or you're going to get yelled at."

Northwood won the game, 32-20.

Although Coop took a few hits in the game, she has taken a lot in practices. She said one of the hardest hits she's taken was from a running back she was trying to tackle in practice.

"When he first went up against me he was 'wimping out' and coach yelled at him, 'You better hit that girl because she's on the team,' and he hit me," Coop said.

When she tried to get up, she felt a pain in her leg. She had pulled a muscle.

"That hurt so bad," said Coop. "I couldn't walk around on it for two weeks. Oh man it hurt

Pain aside, her coach said he sees her improve at every practice.

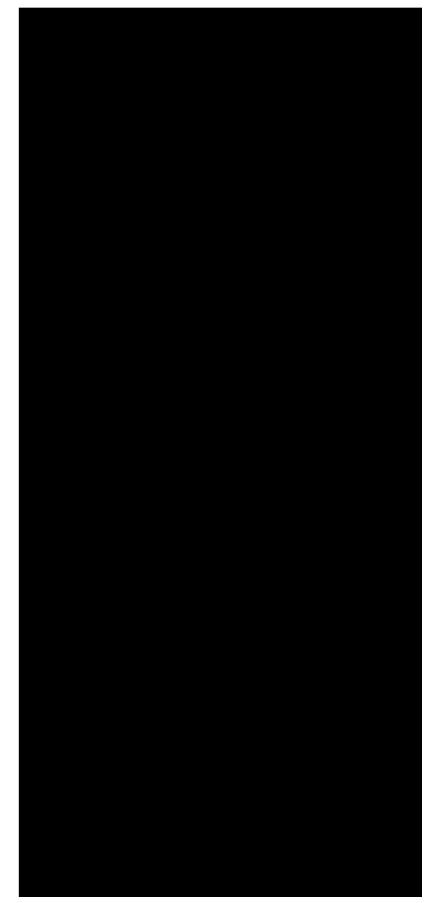
"I've learned how to fall, get back up and do it all over again," said Coop. "That's what you've got to do ... take a hit, take a fall, and then you've got to get back up."

She said she's not preoccupied about getting hurt. Besides all the standard equipment, she also wears a breastplate to protect her chest.

"We haven't seen any team try any cheap shots at her because she's a girl," Rodgers said. He doesn't expect any, either, he added.

Currently, the Northwood Junior High School team is undefeated at 3-0, and ironically, while Coop and her teammates are on the field competing, the Northwood cheerleaders, two of which are boys, root them on near the sidelines.

(Courtesy AETCNS)



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#### **Laughlin History**

Q: In 1966, a new concept for Undergraduate Pilot Training was adopted at Laughlin. After testing this concept at other bases, Air Training Command directed all UPT wings to adopt it. What was the new concept? (a) Launching aircraft through the continuous flow concept.

(b) Substituting simulator time for all instrument flying time except instrument validation flights.

(c) Adding a light plane phase to UPT, providing 30 hours of flying in the T-41.

The correct answer is ... (a). Prior to 1966, the flying day was divided into four flying periods. Forty-five aircraft of each type were launched, one after another, into nearby small, overcrowded training areas. Under the Laughlin plan, aircraft were launched every three minutes, which provided 315 takeoff times for each type of aircraft. This concept allowed the wing to enlarge the size of and reduce the number of training areas needed.

#### **Prep course**

The Life Skills Clinic and Family Advocacy are offering a program entitled Couples Communication: Prevention and Relationship Enhancement. Class dates are Oct. 18, 25 and Nov. 1.

For more information call 6422.

#### Software class

A software class is scheduled for Oct. 23 in the Operations Training Complex auditorium. The topics for the class will include Windows 2000 and Office 2000. Windows 2000 Professional will be covered from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and Office 2000 will be taught from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

For those planning to attend, R.S.V.P. by Thursday to 1st Lt. Melissa Parent at 5542.

#### **Tap Seminar**

There will be a Transition Assistance Program seminar held in the Family Support conference room Bldg. 246 Room 316 from 7:30 to 4:30 Tuesday through Thursday.

All separating and retiring active-duty members are encouraged to attend. The seminar is also opened to civilians retiring or separating on a space available basis.

Call 298-5620 for more information or to make an appointment.

#### Testing specialist needed

The Laughlin Education Services Flight is recruiting for a testing specialist to administer professional military and off-duty education examinations to the Laughlin community. A bachelor's degree is required and previous testing experience is desired. The position will begin Nov. 1.

For those interested, call Kathy Craven at 4673.

#### **OSC Mystery Dinner Theater**

The Laughlin Officers' Spouses' Club will host a Mystery Dinner Theater, Tuesday at Club XL. Spouses are invited to this event. The social begins at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Meal choices are either beef tips in burgundy sauce for \$11 or blackened chicken salad for \$10. RSVP by noon Monday to Angela O'Connell (A-L) at 298-7081 or Jackie Oberdieck (M-Z) at 298-7201.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Reginal Woodruff

#### **VIPs visit Laughlin**

F. Whitten Peters, Secretary of the Air Force, lands during his visit to Laughlin Sept. 28. Chief Master Sgt. Jim Finch, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force also flew in with the Secretary. Peters and Finch hosted an enlisted call during their visit to discuss pressing issues concerning Laughlin enlisted members.

#### **Medical Group closure**

The 47th Medical Group will be closed Thursday for mandatory training. The Family Practice Clinic will not operate afternoon sick call hours. Aerospace Medicine will operate normal afternoon sick-call hours.

If you have an emergency, contact the Family Practice Clinic at 6333. For more information, call Tech Sgt. Kevin Weinand at 5410.

#### **Thrift Shop needs volunteers**

The Thrift Shop is in need of volunteers. Anyone willing to work as little as one hour a week would be appreciated. Drop in help is also appreciated. Any childcare expenses due to volunteering are also reimbursed at the going rate of the Child Development Center

For more information, call Amy King at 298-3731.

#### Flowers available

Flowers will be available for family housing residents Oct. 21. For more information, call Nick Garza at 4356.

#### **Quarterly awards luncheon**

The 47th Flying Training Wing will host a quarterly awards luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 25 at Club XL. The last day to purchase tickets is Thursday.

For more information, call 5889.

#### Poster contest

In celebration of National Disability Employment Awareness Month during the month of October, an essay contest is being sponsored that is open to youth of all ages, with and without disabilities. There will be five award categories: elementary (Grades 1-3 and Grades 4-6); middle (Grades 7-9); secondary (Grades 10-12); and post-secondary (Youth in transition).

To enter, youth in elementary and middle school categories will be required to write an essay of up to 250 words, and youth in the secondary and post-secondary categories will be required to write an essay of up to 500 words addressing one of the following questions:

- Why my life is better because of ADA?
- How will the ADA help to prepare me for what I want to do when I grow up?
- What should be done to address remaining attitudinal barriers toward people with disabilities? Essays will be judged by the following criteria:
- Appropriateness of content.
- Originality.
- Clarity.

The deadline for submission of essays is Sunday. For more information, call Sabrina Pena at 5899.

#### Laughlin new arrivals

■ Bramwell Alan Glendell Shafer (Bags): 8 lb., 1 oz. boy born Sept.

21 to Makahn Shafer and Maj. Alan Shafer, 47th Operations Support Squadron.

